New Child Protection Scheme

550. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring out a new child protection scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring all other existing programmes under the proposed new scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Working Group on the Development of Children for the Eleventh Five Year Plan has recommended that a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS), be initiated to address the issue of child protection and build a protective environment for children. The aims of the proposed Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), *inter-alia*, are:—

—improved institutional care;

—quality non-institutional and alternative care;

—counselling and family support;

—training and capacity building.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to bring the existing schemes and programmes *viz.* A Programme for Juvenile Justice, An Integrated Programme for Street Children, CHILDLINE Services and Shishu Greh Scheme, etc. under the proposed new scheme.

Assessment of sex trade in Goa

551. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Goa has made assessment of sex trade in the State;